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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed, September 10, 2002, having a shortened statutory date of response set to expire in three months, i.e., December 10, 2002, kindly enter the following amendments. A petition for a one month extension of time to file this response, up until and including **January 10, 2003**, and this firm's check in the amount of \$110 to cover the cost of filing the petition are attached hereto. Accordingly, this response is deemed timely filed.

In accordance with the rules regarding amendment practice, applicant submits herein amendments to claims 1 and 9 shown in final form on page 2 and in amended form on page 8.

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